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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M.R. Hansen et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE115753
Application No.: 09/639,658 Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: August 15, 2000 Examiner: T. Nguyen
Title: METHOD OF BINDING PARTICLES TO BINDER TREATED FIBERS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required as shown below.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	Minus	20	=	1	x	18.00	=	18.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	=	0	x	80.00	=	0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment									\$18.00

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- B. Enclosed is our check No. 125335 in the amount of \$18 to cover the amendment claim fee.
- C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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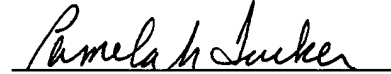


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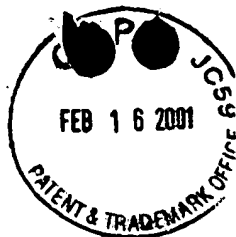
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED JANUARY 16, 2001

Seattle, Washington 98101

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed January 16, 2001, applicants elect the species hydroxyl for immediate examination. In accordance with the Examiner's request, applicants also elect the subspecies diol.

Claims 55-70 read on the elected species hydroxyl and the elected subspecies diol.

Applicants also request entry of the new claims 71-75 set forth below, all of which read on the elected species hydroxyl and diol.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

~~65. (Amended) The method of Claim 55, wherein the binder is dipropylene glycol, trimethylene glycol, ethylene glycol, or dipropylene glycol.~~

Please add the following new Claims 71-75.

~~71. The method of Claim 55, wherein the binder is trimethylene glycol.~~

~~72. The method of Claim 55, wherein the binder is ethylene glycol.~~

~~73. The method of Claim 55, wherein the binder is dipropylene glycol.~~

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